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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SOUTH AFRICA VETOES

1. "JEUNE AFRIQUE" (NO 879, NOVEMBER 11) PUBLISHES TWO
SIGNED EDITORIALS ON WESTERN VETO OF THREE
ANTI-SOUTH-AFRICA RESOLUTIONS. (MAGAZINE WAS IN PRINT
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON ARMS EMBARGO.)
EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

2. "BROTHERS BY RACE", BY AMIN MAALOUF (ASSISTANT CHIEF
EDITOR): "IT IS REPUGNANT TO HAVE TO SAY IT, BUT IT
IS ONLY THE BITTER TRUTH: IN THE EYES OF THE WEST,
SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES REMAIN TODAY JUST WHAT THEY HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN, BROTHERS BY RACE. THE WEST DOES WANT TO
MAKE THEM AFRAID, SHOW THEM WHEREIN LIE THEIR
'TRUE INTERESTS', AND STAND APART FROM THEIR TOO VISI-
BLE RACISM. BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION, HOWEVER, OF
HARMING THEM OR LETTING OTHERS HARM THEM. THE WEST
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WANTS TO DEPRIVE THEM OF ARMS FOR SIX MONTHS: WITH
THOSE ALREADY AMASSED AND THE CONSTRUCTION LICENSES
THEY HAVE OBTAINED, THEY CAN BE INDEPENDENT FOR SEVERAL
YEARS. BUT IF IT CONCERNS REDUCING THEIR RATE OF
ECONOMIC GROWTH, THREATENING THEIR
WAY OF LIFE, FORCING THEM TO COMPROMISE, THEN IT IS
THREE TIMES 'VETO'. TO EXPLAIN THIS CONSTANT ATTITUDE,

THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF EXCUSES, AND WHEN ONE OF THEM
IS WORN DOWN, IT IS EASY TO FIND ANOTHER...
TO CAMOUFLAGE ITS RACIST MOTIVATIONS, THE WEST HAS JUST

ONE ALIBI, BUT THAT IS SCARCELY MORE HONORABLE THAN
RACISM ITSELF: THE LURE OF EASY GAIN REALIZED BY THE
SYSTEMATIC EXPLOITATION OF THE BLACK MAN AND OF HIS
LAND. FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS MADE
DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ITS PRINCIPAL BATTLE HORSE
AND WHICH PROMISED TO 'MORALIZE' THE POLICIES OF
WASHINGTON AND OF ITS ALLIES, IT IS FAR WIDE OF THE
MARK." END EXCERPTS.

3. "THE TURNING," BY JOS-BLAISE ALIMA (ASSIS-
TANT CHIEF EDITOR): ... FAITHFUL TO THEIR
USUAL TACTICS, THE WESTERN COUNTRIES USED MULTIPLE
MANEUVERS TO EMPTY THE AFRICAN PROPOSALS OF ALL MEANING.
THEY CONDEMNED--IN A FORCED FASHION--THE EXPANSION OF
REPRESSION. BUT THEY INSISTED ON SAVING THEIR ALLY
FROM ISOLATION. REFUSING TO CONSIDER SITUATION IN
SOUTH AFRICA AS A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE, THEY
USED JURIDICAL QUIBBLES TO AVOID BRINGING
PRETORIA TO ITS KNEES. WHAT HYPOCRISY (EXCLAM).

... PRESIDENT CARTER DECLARES HIMSELF DETERMINED TO
APPLY FINALLY THE EMBARGO ON ARMS--BUT OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS
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RATIONS HAVE NEVER FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE RESPECT, BY
WASHINGTON, FOR UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS.

ONE CAN SEE IT, THIS MULTIPLICITY OF DIVERSIONARY
MANEUVERS. AND ONE UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY WELL THAT THE
DEBATES THAT TAKE PLACE PERIODICALLY IN NEW
YORK DO NOT KEEP VORSTER AWAKE NIGHTS... END EXCERPTS.
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